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Date: 07/06/2011 03:29 PM  
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Mr. Mason,

Current and former strike team members included:

LDEQ: Sanford (Sam) Phillips, Lorna Putnam, Nelson Morvant, Larry Kirschner, former member Claudia Hutchinson (left LDEQ November 2010, demob'd)  
LSU: Ralph Portier  
SCAT: Jacqui Michel  
USCG: Mark Van Heverbeke  
OSPR (NOAA contracted): Yvonne Addassi, Ellen Faurot-Daniels  
GCRO: Mike Cortez, Jim Best  
BP: Stephanie Fiorenza and myself  
Plaquemines Parish: Michelle Lauer  
Exponent (consultants): Kirk O'Reilly, Randy O'Boyle, Sungwoo Ahn  
Contractors: Huey Thompson (demob'd Dec 15, 2010), Louis (Bud) Nassans (demob'd Jan 31, 2011)  
US Environmental Services (GCIMT Venice Branch field implementation contractor): Tim Clarke, Tracy Comardelle (demob'd March 2011)  
Cardno Entrix (GCIMT sampling team coordinator): Chelsea Murphy

The field tests were NOT conducted. Based on the RRT decision (Convene #28), we were to wait until ongoing STRs were completed on the proposed field location (Bay Jimmy, Zone J). Field implementation of the STRs were completed on May 27, 2011. SCAT advised a two week period afterwards to determine final conditions prior to implementing the bioremediation field trials. In the mean time, on June 6, 2011, I received a notification of temporary stand down of the BioChem Strike Team while the FOSC re-evaluated the necessity. On June 29, 2011, the FOSC, with acknowledgement from the LA SOSC, and concurrence with the GCIMT Environmental Section, disapproved of the field study citing the current condition of relevant shorelines and the duration of the study in relation to any potential applicability to the response.

We did conduct laboratory studies at LSU for which I received the draft final report last week. My team is currently reviewing and planning to submit final once the review is completed.

Attached is the FOSC decision memo and draft final lab report.

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Dr. Tsao:

As the EPA RRT Coordinator for Region 6, I am asking your help on a couple of things...

We have been asked over and over who is actually on the Strike Team, not just agency affiliation...

Can you provide me a list of the names and agencies...

Also, since the RRT did give approval for the field study for the bioremediation agents, were the field tests conducted...

If so, have the Team issued any type of preliminary or final results...

Thanks for your help on this... Let me know if you need anything from me...

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Attached are several documents regarding the importance of having the RRT immediately issue the necessary permit for the non-toxic product called OSE II to be implemented as a cleanup tool for BP's Deepwater Horizon oil blow out response. We are not sure everyone received this section of the email, this is to make absolutely sure.

1) The first document is the scientific basis and reasoning per the Oil Spill Selection Guide, established by Regions III and IV, to immediately approve OSE II for the cleanup response to this spill.

2) Several other documents, including correspondence between the OSEI Corporation and the US EPA that clarify concerns that have been expressed and resolved.

This package of information addresses and should fully resolve every possible question an RRT official might have regarding this issue. I would appreciate it, if anyone who is associated or a member of the RRT VI who was not emailed this request, the EPA, or Coast Guard member of RRT VI will copy the entirety of this email and its contents to any member not in receipt of this information.

I await your quick response and issuance of the permit to the OSEI Corporation for the application of OSE II on the Deepwater Horizon oil. The Coast Guard has requested its immediate implementation and, with the attached package of information in hand, there is now no viable or scientific reason why it should not be immediately authorized for use.

Sincerely,  
Steven Pedigo

Faithfully yours  
Steve

"Frequently, my thoughts get bored and walk down to my mouth. Often, this is a bad thing."

Steve Mason, EPA Region 6 (6SF-PE)  
1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75202  
214-665-2276 / 214-665-2278 fax

----- Forwarded by Steve Mason/R6/USEPA/US on 09/28/2011 09:27 AM -----

From: "Cubanski, Edward CAPT" <Edward.J.Cubanski@uscg.mil>  
To: "Couch, Joseph" <Joseph.E.Couch@uscg.mil>  
Cc: "Buckley, Christopher LT" <Christopher.G.Buckley@uscg.mil>, "Obernesser, James" <James.M.Obernesser@uscg.mil>, Steve Mason/R6/USEPA/US@EPA, "Hein, Julia CAPT" <Julia.A.Hein@uscg.mil>, "Walker, Samuel CAPT" <Samuel.Walker@uscg.mil>, Ragan Broyles/R6/USEPA/US@EPA, James Staves/R6/USEPA/US@EPA, "Troedsson, Peter CAPT" <Peter.Troedsson@uscg.mil>  
Date: 09/16/2011 08:56 AM  
Subject: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]  
Sent by: Edward.J.Cubanski@uscg.mil

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Good Morning,

Thanks for the note. We'll research a bit more, but I'm sure in this case like many of the others, the company didn't follow the procedures in 40CFR300.920(b) to send the information to the EPA for the product to be added to the schedule. I'm not sure in this case if the RRT forwarded the information to either the EPA "product schedule" review office.

Respectfully,

CAPT Ed Cubanski, III  
Eighth Coast Guard District  
Incident Management Branch Chief (drm)  
(work) 504-671-2231  
(cell) 314-651-9109  
Edward.J.Cubanski@uscg.mil

-----Original Message-----

From: Couch, Joseph  
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 8:28 AM  
To: Cubanski, Edward CAPT  
Cc: Buckley, Christopher LT; Obernesser, James  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

CAPT,

Did you see this email? CG-533 is requesting D8 obtain information on why RRT VI decided not to use a vendor-provided bioremediation product during the DWI spill.

I'm not sure your staff has full visibility of this RFI. However, it seems a future congressional inquiry may want the CG to address this concern in the near future.

Appreciate any help with this RFI. LCDR Tim Gunter is POC at CG-533 in case you have questions/concerns.

v/r,

Joe

-----Original Message-----

From: Gunter, Tim LCDR  
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 10:54 AM  
To: Couch, Joseph  
Cc: Gunter, Tim LCDR  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Joe,

Could you please contact D8 regarding CDR Bock's request below.

Thanks!

Tim

Very Respectfully,  
LCDR Tim Gunter  
CG-5332 Oil and Hazmat Division  
MER Doctrine and Response Support Branch  
202-372-2264

-----Original Message-----

From: Bock, Edward CDR  
Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2011 10:20 AM  
To: Gunter, Tim LCDR; Nail, Phillip LT  
Cc: Caplis, John CAPT; Pond, Robert; Pearson, Steven CDR; Couch, Joseph; Cubanski, Edward CAPT; Luce, John CDR  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

LCDR Gunter,

Please send an RFI out to D8 via LANT regarding RRT VI's decision making associated with the congressional staff inquiry below. I'm certain they addressed it appropriately. A vendor asked committee staff (Mr. Raj Bharwani of the House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight) to look into why their bioremediation product was not used during the DWH spill. No deadline ATT but expect this to take shape within the week.

Thank you,

Commander Ed Bock  
Oil & Hazardous Substances Division Chief  
Commandant (CG-5332)  
Attn: Office of Incident Management & Preparedness  
U.S. Coast Guard  
2100 2nd St SW Stop 7363  
Washington, DC 20593-7363  
phone: (202) 372-2234

-----Original Message-----

From: Caplis, John CAPT  
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 7:53 PM  
To: Luce, John CDR; Bock, Edward CDR  
Cc: Stewart, Bion CDR; Cubanski, Edward CAPT; Pond, Robert  
Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

John,

You can put me on the list. We will have to send out some rfi's to D8 to gather up facts on cg decisionmaking downrange.



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From: Luce, John CDR  
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 03:58 PM Eastern Standard Time  
To: Caplis, John CAPT; Bock, Edward CDR  
Cc: Stewart, Bion CDR  
Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

CAPT Caplis and Ed,

Looks like this briefing is forming up to include CG.

NOAA has lined up Dave Westerholm (NOAA/OR&R Director) and EPA has Dana Tulis, Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Management. They are asking for USCG participation as well and are looking to nail down a pre-brief among NOAA-EPA-USCG and then a date and time with the House Science staff.

V/R,

John

-----Original Message-----

From: Caplis, John CAPT  
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 9:03 AM  
To: Bock, Edward CDR  
Cc: Luce, John CDR  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Ed,

Do you think we should jump onto this brief or let NOAA address as our SSCs. Its specific to RRT VI actions regarding bioremediation decisions during DWH. If we do, should we have a RRT VI rep participate, or task them with providing us with the data?

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From: Luce, John CDR  
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 8:30 AM  
To: Caplis, John CAPT  
Cc: Lake, Matthew CDR; Krolman, Walter LT; Morrison, Stephanie LCDR; Stewart, Bion CDR; Pond, Robert; Bock, Edward CDR; Miller, Eric CDR  
Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

CAPT,

Looks like NOAA is looking at a potential brief on oil spill recovery technology. I don't believe a date has been set, but in the interim can 533 reach out to NOAA (POC is Michael Jarvis) regarding CG participation in the brief - sounds like we would want to be at the table for this one.

V/R,

John

-----Original Message-----

From: Stewart, Bion CDR  
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 8:26 AM  
To: Luce, John CDR  
Cc: Lake, Matthew CDR; Krolman, Walter LT; Morrison, Stephanie LCDR  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

John,

I'm guessing this one is in your lane. No timeline right now and this wasn't a direct request to the CG, but recommend the program reach out to Michael Jarvis at NOAA regarding a possible oil spill recovery technology briefing requested by the Science Committee, Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee Majority Staff. NOAA wants to make sure all stakeholders are at the table for the briefing and we have some equities in this lane as you well know.

Thanks.

Bion

CDR Bion Stewart  
Coast Guard Liaison  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Rayburn House Office Building, B320  
w: 202-225-4775  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Levine.Carolyn@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Levine.Carolyn@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2011 6:14 PM  
To: Stewart, Bion CDR  
Subject: Fw: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

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Carolyn Levine  
U.S. EPA/Office of Congressional Affairs  
(202) 564-1859  
FAX: (202) 501-1550

-----Forwarded by Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US on 09/01/2011 06:13PM -----

To: Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov  
From: Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US  
Date: 09/01/2011 06:11PM  
Cc: bion.b.stewary@uscg.mil  
Subject: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Thanks for forwarding this Michael. EPA similarly briefed Congressman Franks about OSE II a few months ago (they contacted him as well). We could definitely participate in a briefing. The main response we provided the Congressman was that because the Gulf of Mexico is nutrient rich, we don't need something with nutrients or other

agents to stimulate bioremediation. We also told him that the field test for the OSE products that were to be tested was recently canceled (as Raj noted) by the FOSC (implementing RRT VI decision) because natural bioremediation was already occurring and weighed in as providing a greater environmental benefit than would a more active bioremediation "intervention."

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Carolyn Levine  
U.S. EPA/Office of Congressional Affairs  
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FAX: (202) 501-1550

-----Michael Jarvis <Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov> wrote: -----

To: Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, bion.b.stewary@uscg.mil  
From: Michael Jarvis <Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov>  
Date: 09/01/2011 04:18PM  
Subject: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Hi Carolyn and Bion,

We received this briefing request from the House Science Committee, Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee Majority Staff and wanted to send this along to you as an FYI. It was sent to our NOAA Scientific Support Coordinator located in New Orleans, LA, who subsequently shared it with me. I don't know if the Committee has reached out to either of your respective agencies, but thought you might like a heads up. We're working to see who would be best person here to do this briefing, but if USCG or EPA has interest in participating, please let me know and we can coordinate accordingly. We hope to set this up relatively soon, if at all possible, since the request came in a little while ago.

Thanks,  
Mike

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Michael G. Jarvis  
Congressional Affairs Specialist  
Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
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Washington, DC 20230  
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Mike,  
Do you have to talk about this. Please simply call my cell at any  
time. Thanks,  
Charlie  
(206) 849-9928, cell

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Dear Mr. Henry,  
I wanted to follow up on my previous e-mail (see below) to inquire about the possibility of  
scheduling a time to discuss this matter. Could you give me a call when you have a chance?  
Thanks,  
Raj  
(202) 226-3096

From: Bharwani, Rajesh  
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 4:35 PM  
To: 'charlie.henry@noaa.gov'  
Subject: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II

Dear Mr. Henry,  
My name is Raj Bharwani and I work in DC for the House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee  
on Investigations and Oversight.

My colleagues and I have had a few conversations with Steve Pedigo, CEO of OSEI, Inc. He has  
expressed some concerns about his company's product OSE II not being selected to help clean up oil from last year's  
Gulf explosion from marsh and land areas in Louisiana. I understand that as a member of RRT VI you objected to OSE  
II being approved for field testing, as proposed by the BCST.

Would you have about 30 minutes or so to chat about this matter next week with my colleagues and  
I? I'm out on Monday, but would be available Tuesday or Wednesday if you have any time then?

Thanks,  
Raj  
(202) 226-3096

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Date: 09/16/2011 08:58 AM

Subject: RE: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]  
Sent by: Joseph.E.Couch@uscg.mil

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CAPT,

Thanks for the reply. With your permission, I'll pass this on to CG-533.

Joe

-----Original Message-----

From: Cubanski, Edward CAPT  
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 9:57 AM  
To: Couch, Joseph  
Cc: Buckley, Christopher LT; Obernesser, James; Mason.Steve@epamail.epa.gov; Hein, Julia CAPT; Walker, Samuel CAPT; Ragan Broyles; staves.james@epa.gov; Troedsson, Peter CAPT  
Subject: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Good Morning,

Thanks for the note. We'll research a bit more, but I'm sure in this case like many of the others, the company didn't follow the procedures in 40CFR300.920(b) to send the information to the EPA for the product to be added to the schedule. I'm not sure in this case if the RRT forwarded the information to either the EPA "product schedule" review office.

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Cc: Buckley, Christopher LT; Obernesser, James  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

CAPT,

Did you see this email? CG-533 is requesting D8 obtain information on why RRT VI decided not to use a vendor-provided bioremediation product during the DWI spill.

I'm not sure your staff has full visibility of this RFI. However, it seems a future congressional inquiry may want the CG to address this concern in the near future.

Appreciate any help with this RFI. LCDR Tim Gunter is POC at CG-533 in case you have questions/concerns.

v/r,

Joe

-----Original Message-----

From: Gunter, Tim LCDR  
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 10:54 AM  
To: Couch, Joseph  
Cc: Gunter, Tim LCDR  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Joe,

Could you please contact D8 regarding CDR Bock's request below.

Thanks!

Tim

Very Respectfully,  
LCDR Tim Gunter  
CG-5332 Oil and Hazmat Division  
MER Doctrine and Response Support Branch  
202-372-2264

-----Original Message-----

From: Bock, Edward CDR  
Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2011 10:20 AM  
To: Gunter, Tim LCDR; Nail, Phillip LT  
Cc: Caplis, John CAPT; Pond, Robert; Pearson, Steven CDR; Couch, Joseph; Cubanski, Edward CAPT; Luce, John CDR  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

LCDR Gunter,

Please send an RFI out to D8 via LANT regarding RRT VI's decision making associated with the congressional staff inquiry below. I'm certain they addressed it appropriately. A vendor asked committee staff (Mr. Raj Bharwani of the House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight) to look into why their bioremediation product was not used during the DWH spill. No deadline ATT but expect this to take shape within the week.

Thank you,

Commander Ed Bock  
Oil & Hazardous Substances Division Chief  
Commandant (CG-5332)  
Attn: Office of Incident Management & Preparedness  
U.S. Coast Guard  
2100 2nd St SW Stop 7363  
Washington, DC 20593-7363  
phone: (202) 372-2234

-----Original Message-----

From: Caplis, John CAPT  
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 7:53 PM  
To: Luce, John CDR; Bock, Edward CDR  
Cc: Stewart, Bion CDR; Cubanski, Edward CAPT; Pond, Robert  
Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

John,  
You can put me on the list. We will have to send out some rfi's to D8 to gather up facts on cg decisionmaking downrange.

Sent with Good (www.good.com)

-----Original Message-----  
From: Luce, John CDR  
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 03:58 PM Eastern Standard Time  
To: Caplis, John CAPT; Bock, Edward CDR  
Cc: Stewart, Bion CDR  
Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

CAPT Caplis and Ed,

Looks like this briefing is forming up to include CG.

NOAA has lined up Dave Westerholm (NOAA/OR&R Director) and EPA has Dana Tulis, Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Management. They are asking for USCG participation as well and are looking to nail down a pre-brief among NOAA-EPA-USCG and then a date and time with the House Science staff.

V/R,

John

-----Original Message-----  
From: Caplis, John CAPT  
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 9:03 AM  
To: Bock, Edward CDR  
Cc: Luce, John CDR  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Ed,  
Do you think we should jump onto this brief or let NOAA address as our SSCs. Its specific to RRT VI actions regarding bioremediation decisions during DWH. If we do, should we have a RRT VI rep participate, or task them with providing us with the data?

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To: Caplis, John CAPT  
Cc: Lake, Matthew CDR; Krolman, Walter LT; Morrison, Stephanie LCDR; Stewart, Bion CDR; Pond, Robert; Bock, Edward CDR; Miller, Eric CDR  
Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

CAPT,

Looks like NOAA is looking at a potential brief on oil spill recovery technology. I don't believe a date has been set, but in the interim can 533 reach out to NOAA (POC is Michael Jarvis) regarding CG participation in the brief - sounds like we would want to be at the table for this one.

V/R,

John

-----Original Message-----  
From: Stewart, Bion CDR  
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 8:26 AM  
To: Luce, John CDR  
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Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

John,

I'm guessing this one is in your lane. No timeline right now and this wasn't a direct request to the CG, but recommend the program reach out to Michael Jarvis at NOAA regarding a possible oil spill recovery technology briefing requested by the Science Committee, Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee Majority Staff. NOAA wants to make sure all stakeholders are at the table for the briefing and we have some equities in this lane as you well know.

Thanks.

Bion

CDR Bion Stewart  
Coast Guard Liaison  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Rayburn House Office Building, B320  
w: 202-225-4775  
f: 202-426-6081

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Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2011 6:14 PM  
To: Stewart, Bion CDR  
Subject: Fw: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

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Carolyn Levine  
U.S. EPA/Office of Congressional Affairs  
(202) 564-1859  
FAX: (202) 501-1550

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To: Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov  
From: Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US  
Date: 09/01/2011 06:11PM  
Cc: bion.b.stewary@uscg.mil  
Subject: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Thanks for forwarding this Michael. EPA similarly briefed Congressman Franks about OSE II a few months ago (they contacted him as well). We could definitely participate in a briefing. The main response we provided the Congressman was that because the Gulf of Mexico is nutrient rich, we don't need something with nutrients or other agents to stimulate bioremediation. We also told him that the field test for the OSE products that were to be tested was recently canceled (as Raj noted) by the FOSC (implementing RRT VI decision) because natural bioremediation was already occurring and weighed in as providing a greater environmental benefit than would a more active bioremediation "intervention."

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FAX: (202) 501-1550

-----Michael Jarvis <Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov> wrote: -----

To: Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, bion.b.stewary@uscg.mil  
From: Michael Jarvis <Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov>  
Date: 09/01/2011 04:18PM  
Subject: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Hi Carolyn and Bion,

We received this briefing request from the House Science Committee, Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee Majority Staff and wanted to send this along to you as an FYI. It was sent to our NOAA Scientific Support Coordinator located in New Orleans, LA, who subsequently shared it with me. I don't know if the Committee has reached out to either of your respective agencies, but thought you might like a heads up. We're working to see who would be best person here to do this briefing, but if USCG or EPA has interest in participating, please let me know and we can coordinate accordingly. We hope to set this up relatively soon, if at all possible, since the request came in a little while ago.

Thanks,  
Mike

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Michael G. Jarvis  
Congressional Affairs Specialist  
Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Room 5224  
Washington, DC 20230  
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Mike,  
Do you have to talk about this. Please simply call my cell at any  
time. Thanks,  
Charlie  
(206) 849-9928, cell

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Dear Mr. Henry,  
I wanted to follow up on my previous e-mail (see below) to inquire about the possibility of  
scheduling a time to discuss this matter. Could you give me a call when you have a chance?

Thanks,  
Raj  
(202) 226-3096

From: Bharwani, Rajesh  
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 4:35 PM  
To: 'charlie.henry@noaa.gov'  
Subject: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II

Dear Mr. Henry,  
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on Investigations and Oversight.

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Would you have about 30 minutes or so to chat about this matter next week with my colleagues and  
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Good Morning,

Perfect - thanks for the details. Let's see if this issue can be put to rest.....but, to quote CAPT Hanzalik, "I doubt it."

Respectfully,

CAPT Ed Cubanski, III  
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Ed....

OSE II is on the NCP product schedule...

The issue came down to that the OSC never did officially ask for RRT concurrence to use the product during the response (other than the tests)....

EPA responded to the letter from OSE II ... I am attaching an electronic version of our response

Faithfully yours  
Steve

"Frequently, my thoughts get bored and walk down to my mouth. Often, this is a bad thing."

Steve Mason, EPA Region 6 (6SF-PE)  
1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75202  
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Good Morning,

Thanks for the note. We'll research a bit more, but I'm sure in this case like many of the others, the company didn't follow the procedures in 40CFR300.920(b) to send the information to the EPA for the product to be added to the schedule. I'm not sure in this case if the RRT forwarded the information to either the EPA "product schedule" review office.

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Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

CAPT,

Did you see this email? CG-533 is requesting D8 obtain information on why RRT VI decided not to use a vendor-provided bioremediation product during the DWI spill.

I'm not sure your staff has full visibility of this RFI. However, it seems a future congressional inquiry may want the CG to address this concern in the near future.

Appreciate any help with this RFI. LCDR Tim Gunter is POC at CG-533 in case you have questions/concerns.

v/r,

Joe

-----Original Message-----

From: Gunter, Tim LCDR  
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 10:54 AM  
To: Couch, Joseph  
Cc: Gunter, Tim LCDR

Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Joe,

Could you please contact D8 regarding CDR Bock's request below.

Thanks!

Tim

Very Respectfully,  
LCDR Tim Gunter  
CG-5332 Oil and Hazmat Division  
MER Doctrine and Response Support Branch  
202-372-2264

-----Original Message-----

From: Bock, Edward CDR  
Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2011 10:20 AM  
To: Gunter, Tim LCDR; Nail, Phillip LT  
Cc: Caplis, John CAPT; Pond, Robert; Pearson, Steven CDR; Couch, Joseph; Cubanski, Edward CAPT; Luce, John CDR  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

LCDR Gunter,

Please send an RFI out to D8 via LANT regarding RRT VI's decision making associated with the congressional staff inquiry below. I'm certain they addressed it appropriately. A vendor asked committee staff (Mr. Raj Bharwani of the House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight) to look into why their bioremediation product was not used during the DWH spill. No deadline ATT but expect this to take shape within the week.

Thank you,

Commander Ed Bock  
Oil & Hazardous Substances Division Chief Commandant (CG-5332)  
Attn: Office of Incident Management & Preparedness U.S. Coast Guard 2100 2nd St SW Stop 7363 Washington, DC 20593-7363  
phone: (202) 372-2234

-----Original Message-----

From: Caplis, John CAPT  
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 7:53 PM  
To: Luce, John CDR; Bock, Edward CDR  
Cc: Stewart, Bion CDR; Cubanski, Edward CAPT; Pond, Robert  
Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

John,  
You can put me on the list. We will have to send out some rfi's to D8 to gather up facts on cg decisionmaking downrange.

Sent with Good (www.good.com)

-----Original Message-----

From: Luce, John CDR  
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 03:58 PM Eastern Standard Time  
To: Caplis, John CAPT; Bock, Edward CDR  
Cc: Stewart, Bion CDR  
Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

CAPT Caplis and Ed,

Looks like this briefing is forming up to include CG.

NOAA has lined up Dave Westerholm (NOAA/OR&R Director) and EPA has Dana Tulis, Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Management. They are asking for USCG participation as well and are looking to nail down a pre-brief among NOAA-EPA-USCG and then a date and time with the House Science staff.

V/R,

John

-----Original Message-----

From: Caplis, John CAPT  
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 9:03 AM  
To: Bock, Edward CDR  
Cc: Luce, John CDR  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Ed,

Do you think we should jump onto this brief or let NOAA address as our SSCs. Its specific to RRT VI actions regarding bioremediation decisions during DWH. If we do, should we have a RRT VI rep participate, or task them with providing us with the data?

-----Original Message-----

From: Luce, John CDR  
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 8:30 AM  
To: Caplis, John CAPT  
Cc: Lake, Matthew CDR; Krolman, Walter LT; Morrison, Stephanie LCDR; Stewart, Bion CDR; Pond, Robert; Bock, Edward CDR; Miller, Eric CDR  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

CAPT,

Looks like NOAA is looking at a potential brief on oil spill recovery technology. I don't believe a date has been set, but in the interim can 533 reach out to NOAA (POC is Michael Jarvis) regarding CG participation in the brief - sounds like we would want to be at the table for this one.

V/R,

John

-----Original Message-----

From: Stewart, Bion CDR  
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 8:26 AM  
To: Luce, John CDR  
Cc: Lake, Matthew CDR; Krolman, Walter LT; Morrison, Stephanie LCDR  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

John,

I'm guessing this one is in your lane. No timeline right now and this wasn't a direct request to the CG, but recommend the program reach out to Michael Jarvis at NOAA regarding a possible oil spill recovery technology briefing requested by the Science Committee, Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee Majority Staff. NOAA wants to make sure all stakeholders are at the table for the briefing and we have some equities in this lane as you well know.

Thanks.

Bion

CDR Bion Stewart  
Coast Guard Liaison  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Rayburn House Office Building, B320  
w: 202-225-4775  
f: 202-426-6081

-----Original Message-----

From: Levine.Carolyn@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Levine.Carolyn@epamail.epa.gov <mailto:Levine.Carolyn@epamail.epa.gov>]  
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2011 6:14 PM  
To: Stewart, Bion CDR  
Subject: Fw: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

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Carolyn Levine  
U.S. EPA/Office of Congressional Affairs  
(202) 564-1859  
FAX: (202) 501-1550

-----Forwarded by Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US on 09/01/2011 06:13PM -----

To: Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov  
From: Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US  
Date: 09/01/2011 06:11PM  
Cc: bion.b.stewary@uscg.mil  
Subject: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Thanks for forwarding this Michael. EPA similarly briefed Congressman Franks about OSE II a few months ago (they contacted him as well). We could definitely participate in a briefing. The main response we provided the Congressman was that because the Gulf of Mexico is nutrient rich, we don't need something with nutrients or other agents to stimulate bioremediation. We also told him that the field test for the OSE products that were to be tested was recently canceled (as Raj noted) by the FOSC (implementing RRT VI decision) because natural bioremediation was already occurring and weighed in as providing a greater environmental benefit than would a more active bioremediation "intervention."

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Carolyn Levine  
U.S. EPA/Office of Congressional Affairs  
(202) 564-1859  
FAX: (202) 501-1550

-----Michael Jarvis <Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov> wrote: -----

To: Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, bion.b.stewary@uscg.mil  
From: Michael Jarvis <Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov>  
Date: 09/01/2011 04:18PM  
Subject: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Hi Carolyn and Bion,

We received this briefing request from the House Science Committee, Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee Majority Staff and wanted to send this along to you as an FYI. It was sent to our NOAA Scientific Support Coordinator located in New Orleans, LA, who subsequently shared it with me. I don't know if the Committee has reached out to either of your respective agencies, but thought you might like a heads up. We're working to see who would be best person here to do this briefing, but if USCG or EPA has interest in participating, please let me know and we can coordinate accordingly. We hope to set this up relatively soon, if at all possible, since the request came in a little while ago.

Thanks,  
Mike

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Michael G. Jarvis  
Congressional Affairs Specialist  
Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
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Washington, DC 20230  
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Mike,  
Do you have to talk about this. Please simply call my cell at any time. Thanks,  
Charlie  
(206) 849-9928, cell

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Dear Mr. Henry,  
I wanted to follow up on my previous e-mail (see below) to inquire about the possibility of scheduling a time to discuss this matter. Could you give me a call when you have a chance?  
Thanks,  
Raj  
(202) 226-3096

From: Bharwani, Rajesh  
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 4:35 PM  
To: 'charlie.henry@noaa.gov'  
Subject: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II

Dear Mr. Henry,  
My name is Raj Bharwani and I work in DC for the House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight.

My colleagues and I have had a few conversations with Steve Pedigo, CEO of OSEI, Inc. He has expressed some concerns about his company's product OSE II not being selected to help clean up oil from last year's Gulf explosion from marsh and land areas in Louisiana. I understand that as a member of RRT VI you objected to OSE II being approved for field testing, as proposed by the BCST.

Would you have about 30 minutes or so to chat about this matter next week with my colleagues and I? I'm out on Monday, but would be available Tuesday or Wednesday if you have any time then?

Thanks,  
Raj  
(202) 226-3096

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To: "Couch, Joseph" <Joseph.E.Couch@uscg.mil>
Cc: "Buckley, Christopher LT" <Christopher.G.Buckley@uscg.mil>, "Obernesser, James" <James.M.Obernesser@uscg.mil>, Steve
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<Steve.C.Truhlar@uscg.mil>
Date: 09/16/2011 11:02 AM
Subject: RE: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II - RRT 6 Response Letter
Sent by: Edward.J.Cubanski@uscg.mil

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Good Morning,

I was wrong - the OSE II product was on the schedule, but bioremediation was never requested by the FOSC. The RRT sent the company a letter (attached) this summer responding to their July 2011 letter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

CAPT Ed Cubanski, III  
Eighth Coast Guard District  
Incident Management Branch Chief (drm)

(work) 504-671-2231  
(cell) 314-651-9109  
Edward.J.Cubanski@uscg.mil

-----Original Message-----

From: Couch, Joseph  
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 8:59 AM  
To: Cubanski, Edward CAPT  
Cc: Buckley, Christopher LT; Obernesser, James; 'Mason.Steve@epamail.epa.gov'; Hein, Julia CAPT; Walker, Samuel CAPT; 'Ragan Broyles'; 'staves.james@epa.gov'; Troedsson, Peter CAPT  
Subject: RE: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

CAPT,

Thanks for the reply. With your permission, I'll pass this on to CG-533.

Joe

-----Original Message-----

From: Cubanski, Edward CAPT  
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 9:57 AM  
To: Couch, Joseph  
Cc: Buckley, Christopher LT; Obernesser, James; Mason.Steve@epamail.epa.gov; Hein, Julia CAPT; Walker, Samuel CAPT; Ragan Broyles; staves.james@epa.gov; Troedsson, Peter CAPT  
Subject: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Good Morning,

Thanks for the note. We'll research a bit more, but I'm sure in this case like many of the others, the company didn't follow the procedures in 40CFR300.920(b) to send the information to the EPA for the product to be added to the schedule. I'm not sure in this case if the RRT forwarded the information to either the EPA "product schedule" review office.

Respectfully,

CAPT Ed Cubanski, III  
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Cc: Buckley, Christopher LT; Obernesser, James  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

CAPT,

Did you see this email? CG-533 is requesting D8 obtain information on why RRT VI decided not to use a vendor-provided bioremediation product during the DWI spill.

I'm not sure your staff has full visibility of this RFI. However, it seems a future congressional inquiry may want the CG to address this concern in the near future.

Appreciate any help with this RFI. LCDR Tim Gunter is POC at CG-533 in case you have questions/concerns.

v/r,

Joe

-----Original Message-----

From: Gunter, Tim LCDR  
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 10:54 AM  
To: Couch, Joseph  
Cc: Gunter, Tim LCDR  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Joe,

Could you please contact D8 regarding CDR Bock's request below.

Thanks!

Tim

Very Respectfully,  
LCDR Tim Gunter  
CG-5332 Oil and Hazmat Division  
MER Doctrine and Response Support Branch  
202-372-2264

-----Original Message-----

From: Bock, Edward CDR  
Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2011 10:20 AM  
To: Gunter, Tim LCDR; Nail, Phillip LT  
Cc: Caplis, John CAPT; Pond, Robert; Pearson, Steven CDR; Couch, Joseph; Cubanski, Edward CAPT; Luce, John CDR  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

LCDR Gunter,

Please send an RFI out to D8 via LANT regarding RRT VI's decision making associated with the congressional staff inquiry below. I'm certain they addressed it appropriately. A vendor asked committee staff (Mr. Raj Bharwani of the House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight) to look into why their bioremediation product was not used during the DWH spill. No deadline ATT but expect this to take shape within the week.

Thank you,

Commander Ed Bock  
Oil & Hazardous Substances Division Chief  
Commandant (CG-5332)  
Attn: Office of Incident Management & Preparedness  
U.S. Coast Guard  
2100 2nd St SW Stop 7363  
Washington, DC 20593-7363  
phone: (202) 372-2234

-----Original Message-----

From: Caplis, John CAPT



Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 7:53 PM  
To: Luce, John CDR; Bock, Edward CDR  
Cc: Stewart, Bion CDR; Cubanski, Edward CAPT; Pond, Robert  
Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

John,  
You can put me on the list. We will have to send out some rfi's to D8 to gather up facts on cg decisionmaking downrange.

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-----Original Message-----  
From: Luce, John CDR  
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 03:58 PM Eastern Standard Time  
To: Caplis, John CAPT; Bock, Edward CDR  
Cc: Stewart, Bion CDR  
Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

CAPT Caplis and Ed,

Looks like this briefing is forming up to include CG.

NOAA has lined up Dave Westerholm (NOAA/OR&RDirector) and EPA has Dana Tulis, Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Management. They are asking for USCG participation as well and are looking to nail down a pre-brief among NOAA-EPA-USCG and then a date and time with the House Science staff.

V/R,

John

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From: Caplis, John CAPT  
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 9:03 AM  
To: Bock, Edward CDR  
Cc: Luce, John CDR  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Ed,  
Do you think we should jump onto this brief or let NOAA address as our SSCs. Its specific to RRT VI actions regarding bioremediation decisions during DWH. If we do, should we have a RRT VI rep participate, or task them with providing us with the data?

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From: Luce, John CDR  
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 8:30 AM  
To: Caplis, John CAPT  
Cc: Lake, Matthew CDR; Krolman, Walter LT; Morrison, Stephanie LCDR; Stewart, Bion CDR; Pond, Robert; Bock, Edward CDR; Miller, Eric CDR  
Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

CAPT,

Looks like NOAA is looking at a potential brief on oil spill recovery technology. I don't believe a date has been set, but in the interim can 533 reach out to NOAA (POC is Michael Jarvis) regarding CG participation in the brief - sounds like we would want to be at the table for this one.

V/R,

John

-----Original Message-----  
From: Stewart, Bion CDR  
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 8:26 AM  
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Cc: Lake, Matthew CDR; Krolman, Walter LT; Morrison, Stephanie LCDR  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

John,

I'm guessing this one is in your lane. No timeline right now and this wasn't a direct request to the CG, but recommend the program reach out to Michael Jarvis at NOAA regarding a possible oil spill recovery technology briefing requested by the Science Committee, Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee Majority Staff. NOAA wants to make sure all stakeholders are at the table for the briefing and we have some equities in this lane as you well know.

Thanks.

Bion

CDR Bion Stewart  
Coast Guard Liaison  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Rayburn House Office Building, B320  
w: 202-225-4775  
f: 202-426-6081

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Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2011 6:14 PM  
To: Stewart, Bion CDR  
Subject: Fw: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

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Carolyn Levine  
U.S. EPA/Office of Congressional Affairs  
(202) 564-1859  
FAX: (202) 501-1550

-----Forwarded by Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US on 09/01/2011 06:13PM -----

To: Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov  
From: Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US  
Date: 09/01/2011 06:11PM  
Cc: bion.b.stewary@uscg.mil  
Subject: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Thanks for forwarding this Michael. EPA similarly briefed Congressman Franks about OSE II a few months ago (they contacted him as well). We could definitely participate in a briefing. The main response we provided the Congressman was that because the Gulf of Mexico is nutrient rich, we don't need something with nutrients or other agents to stimulate bioremediation. We also told him that the field test for the OSE products that were to be tested was recently canceled (as Raj noted) by the FOSC (implementing RRT VI decision) because natural bioremediation was already occurring and weighed in as providing a greater environmental benefit than would a more active bioremediation "intervention."

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Carolyn Levine  
U.S. EPA/Office of Congressional Affairs  
(202) 564-1859  
FAX: (202) 501-1550

-----Michael Jarvis <Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov> wrote: -----

To: Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, bion.b.stewary@uscg.mil  
From: Michael Jarvis <Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov>  
Date: 09/01/2011 04:18PM  
Subject: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Hi Carolyn and Bion,

We received this briefing request from the House Science Committee, Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee Majority Staff and wanted to send this along to you as an FYI. It was sent to our NOAA Scientific Support Coordinator located in New Orleans, LA, who subsequently shared it with me. I don't know if the Committee has reached out to either of your respective agencies, but thought you might like a heads up. We're working to see who would be best person here to do this briefing, but if USCG or EPA has interest in participating, please let me know and we can coordinate accordingly. We hope to set this up relatively soon, if at all possible, since the request came in a little while ago.

Thanks,  
Mike

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Michael G. Jarvis  
Congressional Affairs Specialist  
Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Room 5224  
Washington, DC 20230  
E-mail: michael.jarvis@noaa.gov  
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Mike,  
Do you have to talk about this. Please simply call my cell at any  
time. Thanks,  
Charlie

(206) 849-9928, cell

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Dear Mr. Henry,  
I wanted to follow up on my previous e-mail (see below) to inquire about the possibility of  
scheduling a time to discuss this matter. Could you give me a call when you have a chance?

Thanks,  
Raj  
(202) 226-3096

From: Bharwani, Rajesh  
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 4:35 PM  
To: 'charlie.henry@noaa.gov'  
Subject: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II

Dear Mr. Henry,  
My name is Raj Bharwani and I work in DC for the House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee  
on Investigations and Oversight.

My colleagues and I have had a few conversations with Steve Pedigo, CEO of OSEI, Inc. He has  
expressed some concerns about his company's product OSE II not being selected to help clean up oil from last year's  
Gulf explosion from marsh and land areas in Louisiana. I understand that as a member of RRT VI you objected to OSE  
II being approved for field testing, as proposed by the BCST.

Would you have about 30 minutes or so to chat about this matter next week with my colleagues and  
I? I'm out on Monday, but would be available Tuesday or Wednesday if you have any time then?

Thanks,  
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Response to OSE II request.pdf

----- Forwarded by Steve Mason/R6/USEPA/US on 09/28/2011 09:27 AM -----

From: "Couch, Joseph" <Joseph.E.Couch@uscg.mil>  
To: "Cubanski, Edward CAPT" <Edward.J.Cubanski@uscg.mil>  
Cc: "Buckley, Christopher LT" <Christopher.G.Buckley@uscg.mil>, "Obernesser, James" <James.M.Obernesser@uscg.mil>, Steve Mason/R6/USEPA/US@EPA, "Hein, Julia CAPT" <Julia.A.Hein@uscg.mil>, "Walker, Samuel CAPT" <Samuel.Walker@uscg.mil>, Ragan Broyles/R6/USEPA/US@EPA, James Staves/R6/USEPA/US@EPA, "Troedsson, Peter CAPT" <Peter.Troedsson@uscg.mil>, "Truhlar, Steve CAPT" <Steve.C.Truhlar@uscg.mil>  
Date: 09/16/2011 11:05 AM  
Subject: RE: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II - RRT 6 Response Letter  
Sent by: Joseph.E.Couch@uscg.mil

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CAPT,

This is great feedback.....Makes perfect sense to me. I'll forward to CG-533.

Joe

-----Original Message-----

From: Cubanski, Edward CAPT  
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 12:03 PM  
To: Couch, Joseph  
Cc: Buckley, Christopher LT; Obernesser, James; 'Mason.Steve@epamail.epa.gov'; Hein, Julia CAPT; Walker, Samuel CAPT; 'Ragan Broyles'; 'staves.james@epa.gov'; Troedsson, Peter CAPT; Truhlar, Steve CAPT  
Subject: RE: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II - RRT 6 Response Letter

Good Morning,

I was wrong - the OSE II product was on the schedule, but bioremediation was never requested by the FOSC. The RRT sent the company a letter (attached) this summer responding to their July 2011 letter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

CAPT Ed Cubanski, III  
Eighth Coast Guard District  
Incident Management Branch Chief (drm)  
(work) 504-671-2231  
(cell) 314-651-9109  
Edward.J.Cubanski@uscg.mil

-----Original Message-----

From: Couch, Joseph  
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 8:59 AM  
To: Cubanski, Edward CAPT  
Cc: Buckley, Christopher LT; Obernesser, James; 'Mason.Steve@epamail.epa.gov'; Hein, Julia CAPT; Walker, Samuel CAPT; 'Ragan Broyles'; 'staves.james@epa.gov'; Troedsson, Peter CAPT  
Subject: RE: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

CAPT,

Thanks for the reply. With your permission, I'll pass this on to CG-533.

Joe

-----Original Message-----

From: Cubanski, Edward CAPT  
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 9:57 AM  
To: Couch, Joseph  
Cc: Buckley, Christopher LT; Obernesser, James; 'Mason.Steve@epamail.epa.gov'; Hein, Julia CAPT; Walker, Samuel CAPT; 'Ragan Broyles'; 'staves.james@epa.gov'; Troedsson, Peter CAPT  
Subject: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Good Morning,

Thanks for the note. We'll research a bit more, but I'm sure in this case like many of the others, the company didn't follow the procedures in 40CFR300.920(b) to send the information to the EPA for the product to be added to the schedule. I'm not sure in this case if the RRT forwarded the information to either the EPA "product schedule" review office.

Respectfully,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Couch, Joseph  
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 8:28 AM  
To: Cubanski, Edward CAPT  
Cc: Buckley, Christopher LT; Obernesser, James  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

CAPT,

Did you see this email? CG-533 is requesting D8 obtain information on why RRT VI decided not to use a vendor-provided bioremediation product during the DWI spill.

I'm not sure your staff has full visibility of this RFI. However, it seems a future congressional inquiry may want the CG to address this concern in the near future.

Appreciate any help with this RFI. LCDR Tim Gunter is POC at CG-533 in case you have questions/concerns.

v/r,

Joe

-----Original Message-----

From: Gunter, Tim LCDR

Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 10:54 AM  
To: Couch, Joseph  
Cc: Gunter, Tim LCDR  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Joe,

Could you please contact D8 regarding CDR Bock's request below.

Thanks!

Tim

Very Respectfully,  
LCDR Tim Gunter  
CG-5332 Oil and Hazmat Division  
MER Doctrine and Response Support Branch  
202-372-2264

-----Original Message-----  
From: Bock, Edward CDR  
Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2011 10:20 AM  
To: Gunter, Tim LCDR; Nail, Phillip LT  
Cc: Caplis, John CAPT; Pond, Robert; Pearson, Steven CDR; Couch, Joseph; Cubanski, Edward CAPT; Luce, John CDR  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

LCDR Gunter,

Please send an RFI out to D8 via LANT regarding RRT VI's decision making associated with the congressional staff inquiry below. I'm certain they addressed it appropriately. A vendor asked committee staff (Mr. Raj Bharwani of the House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight) to look into why their bioremediation product was not used during the DWH spill. No deadline ATT but expect this to take shape within the week.

Thank you,

Commander Ed Bock  
Oil & Hazardous Substances Division Chief Commandant (CG-5332)  
Attn: Office of Incident Management & Preparedness U.S. Coast Guard 2100 2nd St SW Stop 7363 Washington, DC 20593-7363  
phone: (202) 372-2234

-----Original Message-----  
From: Caplis, John CAPT  
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 7:53 PM  
To: Luce, John CDR; Bock, Edward CDR  
Cc: Stewart, Bion CDR; Cubanski, Edward CAPT; Pond, Robert  
Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

John,  
You can put me on the list. We will have to send out some rfi's to D8 to gather up facts on cg decisionmaking downrange.

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-----Original Message-----  
From: Luce, John CDR  
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 03:58 PM Eastern Standard Time  
To: Caplis, John CAPT; Bock, Edward CDR  
Cc: Stewart, Bion CDR  
Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

CAPT Caplis and Ed,

Looks like this briefing is forming up to include CG.

NOAA has lined up Dave Westerholm (NOAA/OR&RDirector) and EPA has Dana Tulis, Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Management. They are asking for USCG participation as well and are looking to nail down a pre-brief among NOAA-EPA-USCG and then a date and time with the House Science staff.

V/R,

John

-----Original Message-----  
From: Caplis, John CAPT  
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 9:03 AM  
To: Bock, Edward CDR  
Cc: Luce, John CDR  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Ed,  
Do you think we should jump onto this brief or let NOAA address as our SSCs. Its specific to RRT VI actions regarding bioremediation decisions during DWH. If we do, should we have a RRT VI rep participate, or task them with providing us with the data?

-----Original Message-----  
From: Luce, John CDR  
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 8:30 AM  
To: Caplis, John CAPT  
Cc: Lake, Matthew CDR; Krolman, Walter LT; Morrison, Stephanie LCDR; Stewart, Bion CDR; Pond, Robert; Bock, Edward CDR; Miller, Eric CDR  
Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

CAPT,

Looks like NOAA is looking at a potential brief on oil spill recovery technology. I don't believe a date has been set, but in the interim can 533 reach out to NOAA (POC is Michael Jarvis) regarding CG participation in the brief - sounds like we would want to be at the table for this one.

V/R,

John

-----Original Message-----

From: Stewart, Bion CDR  
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 8:26 AM  
To: Luce, John CDR  
Cc: Lake, Matthew CDR; Krolman, Walter LT; Morrison, Stephanie LCDR  
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

John,

I'm guessing this one is in your lane. No timeline right now and this wasn't a direct request to the CG, but recommend the program reach out to Michael Jarvis at NOAA regarding a possible oil spill recovery technology briefing requested by the Science Committee, Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee Majority Staff. NOAA wants to make sure all stakeholders are at the table for the briefing and we have some equities in this lane as you well know.

Thanks.

Bion

CDR Bion Stewart  
Coast Guard Liaison  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Rayburn House Office Building, B320  
w: 202-225-4775  
f: 202-426-6081

-----Original Message-----

From: Levine.Carolyn@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Levine.Carolyn@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2011 6:14 PM  
To: Stewart, Bion CDR  
Subject: Fw: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

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Carolyn Levine  
U.S. EPA/Office of Congressional Affairs  
(202) 564-1859  
FAX: (202) 501-1550

-----Forwarded by Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US on 09/01/2011 06:13PM -----

To: Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov  
From: Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US  
Date: 09/01/2011 06:11PM  
Cc: bion.b.stewary@uscg.mil  
Subject: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Thanks for forwarding this Michael. EPA similarly briefed Congressman Franks about OSE II a few months ago (they contacted him as well). We could definitely participate in a briefing. The main response we provided the Congressman was that because the Gulf of Mexico is nutrient rich, we don't need something with nutrients or other agents to stimulate bioremediation. We also told him that the field test for the OSE products that were to be tested was recently canceled (as Raj noted) by the FOSC (implementing RRT VI decision) because natural bioremediation was already occurring and weighed in as providing a greater environmental benefit than would a more active bioremediation "intervention."

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Carolyn Levine  
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-----Michael Jarvis <Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov> wrote: -----

To: Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, bion.b.stewary@uscg.mil  
From: Michael Jarvis <Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov>  
Date: 09/01/2011 04:18PM  
Subject: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Hi Carolyn and Bion,

We received this briefing request from the House Science Committee, Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee Majority Staff and wanted to send this along to you as an FYI. It was sent to our NOAA Scientific Support Coordinator located in New Orleans, LA, who subsequently shared it with me. I don't know if the Committee has reached out to either of your respective agencies, but thought you might like a heads up. We're working to see who would be best person here to do this briefing, but if USCG or EPA has interest in participating, please let me know and we can coordinate accordingly. We hope to set this up relatively soon, if at all possible, since the request came in a little while ago.

Thanks,  
Mike

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Michael G. Jarvis  
Congressional Affairs Specialist  
Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
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Washington, DC 20230  
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(206) 849-9928, cell

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Dear Mr. Henry,  
I wanted to follow up on my previous e-mail (see below) to inquire about the possibility of  
scheduling a time to discuss this matter. Could you give me a call when you have a chance?  
Thanks,  
Raj  
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